Maternity and Health Centres in Gujarat

662. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Maternity and Health Care Centres functioning in Gujarat at present:

(b) the number of such Centres opened during 1994-95;

(c) whether Government propose to open new maternity and Health Care Centres during the year 1995-96;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any foreign assistance is being provided for these Centres; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) Maternity and health care are provide through 945 primary health centres, 178 community health centres, 7284 subcentres, 251 rural family welfare centres, 113 urban family welfare centres and 28 urban health posts as well as hospitals. In addition, there are 36 maternity and child health centres, funded by State Government.

(b) to (d) 15 primary health centres, 9 community health centres and nil subcentres are proposed to be opened in 1994-95 and 1995-96.

(e) and (f) No, Sir.

Diversion of patients to private clinics

663. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in the 'Indian Express' of 14th February, 1995 under the caption 'Government doctors diverting patients to private clinics'. and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction in respect thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No such incident has come to the notice of the Government.

Suspension/Cancellation of Registration of Doctors in Kidney

664. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many doctors and agents were arrested in kidney racket throughout the country:

(b) cases/FIRs registered in each State in connection with kidney racket as on date, stating the details of each case and the progress made thereof;

(c) in how many cases Medical Council of India did suspend/cancel the registration of concerned doctors;

(d) which were the hospitals that did make arrangements for kidney transplant, in collusion with the doctors and agents, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government have taken any steps against these hospitals and their owners; if so, the details thereof, and

(f) whether any teams from State police/CBI/IB, etc. were sent abroad to probe into the kidney racket?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) According to information available with the Government, one doctor was arrested in Karnataka and later on released on bail.

(b) Government of Karnataka has informed that two FIRs have been lodged, naming, one Dr. Siddaraju as an accused on 21.1.95 and 29.1.95 res-